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1. The Yugoslav colony in the Province of Mendoza is composed largely of Croats from the Dalmatian Coast and from the provinces of Lika and Herzegovina. Although in 1947 the colony was overwhelmingly Communist in sentiment, in 1948 the influence of the Communists began to decline gradually because of the disgust at the Tito rule in Croatia.
 2. Among the Yugoslavs in Mendoza who left the Communist Party are Juan Crnadak, Rodolfo Poljak, and (San) Bulligovich. Crnadak, who was the outstanding Communist, resigned from the Titoist organization. Poljak was president of the Yugoslav Communist group in San Rafael when he renounced the Party. Bulligovich, a Montenegrin, left the Communists for the Monarchists, whose ranks he had previously deserted.
 3. The Tito-Stalin schism was the coup de grace for the Yugoslav Communist organization in Mendoza, and today it exists only on paper, if at all. Besides, the great majority of the Yugoslavs there have become naturalized Argentine citizens and reportedly do not care to mix in international politics.
 4. The minority of politically-inclined Yugoslavs in Mendoza are divided into the following groups:
 - a. The Cominformists, whose members have entered the Partido Comunista Argentino. The principal leader of this group is Vico Vukojevic, a mechanic, whose address is Calle San Martin 1477, Mendoza.
 - b. The Titoist group, whose principal leaders are Esteban Lonchavich* and Antonio Medich. This group is the smallest of the Yugoslav political groups in Mendoza.
 - c. The Croatian Peasant Party, composed mostly of dissident Titoists. The leaders are Juan Crnadak and Rodolfo Poljak, who were members of this party when they were in Croatia.
 - d. The Ustasha party, led by Ante Pavelic.

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